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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - DECEMBER QUARTER, 1963

This bulletin, the first of a series to be issued quarterly, contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1963, and for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1963.

In addition to details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia, statistics of Causes, Duration and Methods of Settlement for the year 1963 are given in Tables 4 to 6.

Detailed statistics of industrial disputes to March quarter 1963 were published in issues of the "Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics". Similar figures for the June and September quarters, 1963 are available on request.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (£'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per Worker Involved	
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	5.59	2,290
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	4.09	1,898
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	5.24	2,299
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	5.04	2,612
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4.78	4,166
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2.14	2,256
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	3,440
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	3,337
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	3,021
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	3,310
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	3,967
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	2,309
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	1,591
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	1,377
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	2,927
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	2,724
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	2,122
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	2,496
1962: Dec. Qtr.	286	84,412	5,504	89,916	159,908	1.78	677
1963: March "	280	77,654	2,868	80,522	102,598	1.27	434
June "	276	88,479	3,169	91,648	117,131	1.28	505
Sept. "	379	94,802	6,597	101,399	165,451	1.63	743
Dec. "	315	137,632	1,507	139,139	196,388	1.41	814

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	45	..	10	..	1	..	56
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	58	13	3	7	4	..	85
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Food, Drink and Tobacco	7	2	10	..	..	..	19
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other Manufacturing	10	4	..	..	..	1	15
Building and Construction	24	6	1	..	2	..	34
Railway and Tramway Services	2	1	..	1	..	..	4
Road and Air Transport	11	1	..	..	1	..	13
Stevedoring	30	27	8	..	4	..	71
Shipping	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other Industries (c)	6	..	1	..	..	..	7
Total	200	56	33	8	13	2	315

## WORKERS INVOLVED (d)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	5,304	..	527	..	37	..	5,868
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	2,669	200	2,869
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	24,208	16,394	195	521	6,276	..	47,594
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	..	798	..	..	..	..	798
Food, Drink and Tobacco	3,034	235	1,780	..	1,793	..	6,842
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	2,494	..	2,494
Paper, Printing, etc.	1,684	..	..	..	580	..	2,264
Other Manufacturing	3,973	2,315	..	..	1,061	376	7,725
Building and Construction	1,836	2,726	60	..	4,104	..	8,741
Railway and Tramway Services	12,678	40	..	625	5,120	..	18,463
Road and Air Transport	5,883	30	..	..	4,600	..	10,513
Stevedoring	6,258	5,103	2,720	..	2,029	..	16,388
Shipping	20	..	..	..	423	..	443
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	65	..	..	..	419	..	484
Other Industries (c)	5,407	..	134	..	2,112	..	7,653
Total	70,350	27,641	5,416	1,146	33,717	576	139,139

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.); and Community and Business Services.

(d) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(e) Less than £50.

NOTE: This table includes, in respect of disputes which commenced in the previous quarter, only the additional workers involved and the working days and wages lost during the current quarter.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963 (continued)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	9,909	..	1,452	..	42	..	11,403
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	2,669	200	2,869
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	36,371	33,588	1,800	1,033	4,564	..	77,356
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	..	3,390	..	..	..	..	3,390
Food, Drink and Tobacco	8,338	662	3,004	..	1,061	..	13,065
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	1,513	..	1,513
Paper, Printing, etc.	1,499	..	..	..	545	..	2,044
Other Manufacturing	16,186	10,225	..	..	525	120	27,056
Building and Construction	3,845	15,820	30	..	3,194	..	22,934
Railway and Tramway Services	5,438	20	..	625	2,081	..	8,164
Road and Air Transport	3,009	105	..	..	4,925	..	8,039
Stevedoring	3,699	3,164	1,810	..	770	..	9,668
Shipping	10	..	..	..	272	..	282
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	115	..	..	..	210	..	325
Other Industries (c)	6,990	..	134	..	1,156	..	8,280
Total	95,409	66,974	8,230	1,658	23,527	320	196,388

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (£'000)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	43.4	..	7.7	..	.2	..	51.3
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	8.5	1.3	9.8
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	154.2	136.0	7.3	4.6	17.7	..	319.8
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	..	9.0	..	..	..	..	9.0
Food, Drink and Tobacco	37.1	2.7	12.9	..	4.0	..	56.7
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	5.3	..	5.3
Paper, Printing, etc.	6.0	..	..	..	1.3	..	7.3
Other Manufacturing	67.1	48.0	..	..	2.1	0.5	117.7
Building and Construction	18.2	71.7	0.1	..	13.0	..	103.2
Railway and Tramway Services	20.0	0.1	..	3.8	7.4	..	31.3
Road and Air Transport	9.0	0.5	..	..	19.1	..	28.6
Stevedoring	17.7	15.1	8.8	..	3.7	..	46.4
Shipping	(e)	..	..	..	1.1	..	1.1
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	0.5	..	..	..	0.8	..	1.3
Other Industries (c)	19.9	..	0.4	..	4.6	..	24.9
Total	393.1	283.1	37.2	8.4	88.8	1.8	813.7

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## TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Coal Mining	186	..	35	..	1	..	222
Other Mining and Quarrying	4	..	1	..	1	1	9
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	200	53	18	14	4	1	290
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1	3	..	..	..	..	4
Food, Drink and Tobacco	27	11	66	2	..	..	108
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Other Manufacturing	53	17	..	3	..	2	79
Building and Construction	95	21	10	4	9	..	146
Railway and Tramway Services	11	3	3	4	..	1	22
Road and Air Transport	20	1	1	..	3	..	25
Stevedoring	193	69	23	7	10	6	312
Shipping	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other Industries (c)	13	2	2	..	..	..	17
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,250</b>

## WORKERS INVOLVED (d)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	109	..	..	109
Coal Mining	27,272	..	1,750	..	37	..	29,059
Other Mining and Quarrying	1,291	..	69	..	2,669	200	4,513
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	56,025	24,810	9,195	1,033	6,276	24	97,363
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	123	866	..	..	..	..	989
Food, Drink and Tobacco	18,773	3,787	19,949	1,729	1,793	..	46,120
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	2,494	..	2,494
Paper, Printing, etc.	2,874	..	..	..	580	..	3,454
Other Manufacturing	12,797	21,103	..	245	1,061	679	36,221
Building and Construction	10,411	6,546	623	325	5,383	..	23,809
Railway and Tramway Services	15,095	302	221	1,118	5,120	233	22,089
Road and Air Transport	8,641	30	20	..	6,651	..	15,342
Stevedoring	57,401	29,311	12,228	7,486	7,566	3,883	118,438
Shipping	20	..	54	..	423	..	497
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	212	..	..	..	419	..	631
Other Industries (c)	8,041	1,223	204	..	2,112	..	11,580
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>218,976</b>	<b>87,978</b>	<b>44,313</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>42,584</b>	<b>5,019</b>	<b>412,708</b>

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(d) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(e) Less than £50.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963 (continued)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	400	..	..	400
Coal Mining	38,640	..	7,232	..	42	..	45,914
Other Mining and Quarrying	1,299	..	207	..	2,669	200	4,807
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	88,635	50,088	8,378	1,367	4,564	40	153,072
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1,516	3,603	..	..	..	..	5,119
Food, Drink and Tobacco	34,424	11,669	29,712	1,214	1,061	..	78,155
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	1,513	..	1,513
Paper, Printing, etc.	3,404	..	..	..	545	..	3,949
Other Manufacturing	48,333	52,017	..	200	525	223	101,697
Building and Construction	22,946	20,708	1,104	1,135	5,917	..	52,915
Railway and Tramway Services	9,242	187	191	878	2,081	87	12,666
Road and Air Transport	5,401	105	37	..	7,078	..	12,621
Stevedoring	42,630	33,727	7,777	3,763	4,336	2,383	95,050
Shipping	10	..	54	..	272	..	336
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	485	..	..	..	210	..	695
Other Industries (c)	10,475	859	169	..	1,156	..	12,659
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>307,440</b>	<b>172,963</b>	<b>54,861</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>31,969</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>581,568</b>

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (£'000)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	1.7	..	..	1.7
Coal Mining	169.8	..	39.4	..	0.2	..	209.4
Other Mining and Quarrying	8.2	..	1.0	..	8.5	1.3	21.2
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	377.1	209.1	32.9	6.0	17.7	0.2	643.0
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	3.2	9.5	..	..	..	..	12.7
Food, Drink and Tobacco	144.2	48.9	119.1	4.8	4.0	..	321.4
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	5.3	..	5.3
Paper, Printing, etc.	14.9	..	..	..	1.3	..	16.2
Other Manufacturing	208.3	240.8	..	0.8	2.1	0.9	454.8
Building and Construction	110.5	96.3	5.5	6.4	25.1	..	248.6
Railway and Tramway Services	36.3	0.8	0.8	4.7	7.4	0.4	50.4
Road and Air Transport	20.8	0.5	0.1	..	28.7	..	50.1
Stevedoring	186.4	145.6	34.5	16.6	19.4	10.7	415.2
Shipping	(e)	..	0.2	..	1.1	..	1.3
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	2.1	..	..	..	0.8	..	2.9
Other Industries (c)	32.9	3.5	0.5	..	4.6	..	41.5
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,314.7</b>	<b>755.0</b>	<b>234.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>126.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>2,495.7</b>

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TABLE 4. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1963

Cause of Dispute (b)	Coal-Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, Hours and Leave	9	37	233	279
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	116	246	386	748
Trade Unionism	31	12	72	115
Other	66	17	25	108
TOTAL:	222	312	716	1,250

## WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

Wages, Hours and Leave	774	48,111	122,666	171,551
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	15,151	40,311	87,536	142,998
Trade Unionism	4,966	4,950	12,335	22,251
Other	8,168	25,066	42,674	75,908
TOTAL:	29,059	118,438	265,211	412,708

## WORKING DAYS LOST

Wages, Hours and Leave	3,198	36,084	235,619	274,901
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	32,366	42,729	158,407	233,502
Trade Unionism	5,118	2,659	15,491	23,268
Other	5,232	13,578	31,087	49,897
TOTAL:	45,914	95,050	440,604	581,568

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TABLE 5. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1963

Duration (Working Days)	Coal-Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	151	205	333	689
2 days and more than 1 day	33	81	150	264
3 days and more than 2 days	11	23	84	118
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	10	2	53	65
5 days and less than 10 days	11	1	64	76
10 days and less than 20 days	3	..	29	32
20 days and less than 40 days	2	..	3	5
40 days and over	1	..	..	1
TOTAL:	222	312	716	1,250

## WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

1 day and less	19,485	105,538	169,410	294,433
2 days and more than 1 day	3,086	8,849	44,358	56,293
3 days and more than 2 days	3,856	1,313	22,661	27,830
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	995	38	9,780	10,813
5 days and less than 10 days	1,100	2,700	12,865	16,665
10 days and less than 20 days	385	..	5,778	6,163
20 days and less than 40 days	148	..	359	507
40 days and over	4	..	..	4
TOTAL:	29,059	118,438	265,211	412,708

## WORKING DAYS LOST

1 day and less	9,926	59,667	103,209	172,802
2 days and more than 1 day	5,288	13,231	69,243	87,762
3 days and more than 2 days	9,173	3,211	58,707	71,091
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	3,897	153	38,793	42,843
5 days and less than 10 days	8,179	18,788	90,004	116,971
10 days and less than 20 days	4,911	..	70,004	74,915
20 days and less than 40 days	4,340	..	10,644	14,984
40 days and over	200	..	..	200
TOTAL:	45,914	95,050	440,604	581,568

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TABLE 6. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1963

Method of Settlement (b)	Coal-Mining	Steve-doring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	44	1	195	240
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	3	..	122	125
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	1	1	81	83
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	22	..	..	22
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	5	..	5
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	227	..	227
By resumption without negotiation	152	78	318	548
TOTAL:	222	312	716	1,250
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
By private negotiation	3,957	244	37,452	41,653
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	151	..	40,827	40,978
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	72	228	13,333	13,633
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	4,367	..	..	4,367
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	369	..	369
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	46,618	..	46,618
By resumption without negotiation	20,512	70,979	173,599	265,090
TOTAL:	29,059	118,438	265,211	412,708
WORKING DAYS LOST				
By private negotiation	9,398	123	100,073	109,594
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	569	..	103,337	103,906
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	2,592	456	47,003	50,051
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	16,914	..	..	16,914
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	89	..	89
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	31,472	..	31,472
By resumption without negotiation	16,441	62,910	190,191	269,542
TOTAL:	45,914	95,050	440,604	581,568

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.  
 (b) For nature of classification see pages 160-162 of Labour Report No. 49, 1961.  
 (c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

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(a) NOTE: Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 41971 Extension 7 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.